

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Department of Army, HQDA, ODCS, G-1 (DAPE-MP-PRO) Attn: Mr. Raymond C.V. Robinson, Jr., 300 Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-0300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 693-2124.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Automated Repatriation Reporting System, DD Form 2585, OMB Number 0704-0334.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is necessary for personnel accountability of all evacuees, regardless of nationality, who are processed through designated Repatriation Centers throughout the United States. The information obtained from the DD Form 2585 is entered into an automated system; a series of reports is accessible to DoD Components, Federal and State agencies and Red Cross, as required.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Federal government, State

and local governments, not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,667.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Responses per Respondent: One.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: One-time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Executive Order 12656 (Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities) assigns Federal departments and agencies responsibilities during emergency situations. In its supporting role to the Departments of State and Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Defense will assist in planning for the protection, evacuation and repatriation of U.S. citizens in threatened areas overseas. The DD Form 2585, Repatriation Processing Center Processing Sheet, has numerous functions, but is primarily used for personnel accountability of all evacuees who process through designated Repatriation Centers. During processing, evacuees are provided emergency human services, including food, clothing, lodging, family reunification, social services and financial assistance through federal entitlements, loans or emergency aid organizations. The information, once collected, is input into the Automated Repatriation Reporting System, and is available to designated offices throughout Departments of Defense, State, Health and Human Services, the American Red Cross and State government emergency planning offices for operational inquiries and reporting and future planning purposes.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice. The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Personal Information Questionnaire; OMB Number 0703-0012.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 16,700.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 16,700.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,175.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is used by the U.S. Marine Corps to provide a standardized method in rating officer program applicants in the areas of character, leadership, ability, and suitability for a service as a commissioned officer.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms.

Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number:

Personal Check Cashing Agreement; OMB Number 0730-0005.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 386,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 386,000.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 193,000.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to meet the Department of Defense's (DoD) requirement for cashing personal checks overseas and afloat by DoD disbursing activities, as provided in 31 U.S.C. 3342. The DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 5, provides guidance to DoD Disbursing Officers in the performance of this information collection. This provides the DoD disbursing officer or authorized agent the authority to offset the pay without prior notification in cases where this form has been signed subject to conditions specified within the approved procedures.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: January 23, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number:

Diagnosis Related Group Reimbursement; OMB Number 0720-0017.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 5,200.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 5,200.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,200.

Needs and Uses: The TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors will use the information collected to reimburse hospitals for TRICARE/CHAMPUS' share of capital and direct medical education costs.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 3, 2004.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Involuntary Allotment Application; DD Form 2653; OMB Number 0704-0367.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 7,531.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 7,531.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,766.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to initiate an involuntary allotment from the pay of a

member of the Uniformed Services for indebtedness owed a third party under 5 U.S.C. 5520a, which authorizes involuntary allotments if there is a final court judgment acknowledging the debt and it is determined by competent military or executive authority to be in compliance with the procedural requirements of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. In order to satisfy these statutory requirements, the DD Form 2653 requires the respondent to provide identifying information on the member of the Uniformed Services; provide a certified copy of the judgment; and certify, if applicable, that the judgment complies with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Jacqueline Davis. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 2202-4302.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on February 10, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and February 11, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board